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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

At page 2, please substitute the paragraph beginning at line 17 with the following paragraph:

The materials comprise an anaerobically-responsive polymer and at least about 0.1 wt% of an ~~inorganic~~ inorganic salts dispersed therein. The materials degrade anaerobically in an active sewage sludge over a 28 days period. In one embodiment, the degradation of the anaerobically degradable polymer of the present invention is characterized by (a) an increase in basis weight of at least about 10% and (b) a decrease in tensile elongation of at least about 30%, after being immersed in an active sludge medium for 28 days. In another embodiment, the degradation of blend of an ~~aerobically~~ anaerobically degradable polymer and a water-responsive polymer is characterized by one or more of the following: (a) an increase in basis weight of at least about 5%; (b) a decrease in tensile ~~elongation~~ strength of at least about 20%; (c) a decrease in tensile elongation of at least about 30%, after being immersed in an active sludge medium for one hour.